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Subject: Complaint filed by Branden Durst, Warning Letter, PDC Case 7514

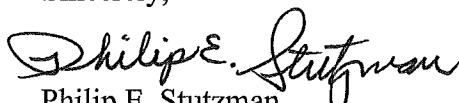
Dear Rep. Sawyer:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Branden Durst concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on July 28, 2016. The complaint alleged that the David Sawyer campaign may have violated RCW 42.17A.405(14) by accepting over-limit in-kind contributions from Voters for Washington Children when that committee sponsored digital ads that used imagery and language that is identical to that of the Sawyer campaign ads. The complaint also alleged that Voters for Washington Children may have engaged in "illegal coordination" with the David Sawyer campaign when it provided a link in its digital ads to [www.abondanbrandon.com](http://www.abondanbrandon.com), a site funded by the David Sawyer campaign. A copy of the complaint was previously sent to you.


As noted in the letter to Mr. Durst, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking enforcement action in this matter. The Commission is reviewing the statutes and rules regarding use of photos and materials from campaign websites, and will be considering whether additional interpretive guidance would be helpful.

If you have questions, you may contact Phil Stutzman at 360-664-8853 or by e-mail at [phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:phil.stutzman@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosure: Letter to Branden Durst